

Remarks

Claims 1, 6, 8-11, 15, 17, 19-21, 54-63, 65, 67-71 and 73 are pending in the present application. By this reply, claims 14, 16, 53, 64, 66 and 72 are cancelled. Claims 1, 6, 20, 57, 59 and 70 are independent claims.

Interview Conducted

Applicants appreciate the Examiner for the personal interview conducted on January 4, 2005 with Applicants' representative and for the Interview Summary.

Further to the interview, the Examiner telephoned Applicants' representative on January 5, 2005 and informed her that claims 1 and 57 and their dependent claims are allowable in view of Applicants' arguments.

Further, the Examiner informed her that independent claims 20 and 70 would be allowable if they are amended to state that the main electronic device is a digital TV. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution only, claims 20 and 70 have been amended by the present Amendment as suggested by the Examiner to render these claims allowable over the prior art of record.

Regarding independent claims 6 and 59, the Examiner also informed her that these claims will be allowable if they are amended to include the feature of displaying the menu items on the same screen page as the graphical illustration, where each menu item identifies a different combination of devices to be connected. Accordingly, to expedite prosecution only, independent claims 6 and

59 have been amended by the present Amendment as suggested by the Examiner, thereby rendering these claims allowable. Some of the dependent claims have been cancelled since the subject matter of these claims has been incorporated into the corresponding independent claims by the present Amendment.

Therefore, all of the presently pending claims are now allowable over the prior art of record, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. As such, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is proper and respectfully requested. Entry of the present Amendment is requested since the independent claims have been amended to allow the case as suggested by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph Rejection

Claim 73 has been amended to correct a minor informality. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 73 should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 6, 8-11, 14-17, 19-21 and 53-73 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fado in view of Berstis. Without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's allegations made in rejecting these claims, as discussed above the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final Rejection, in that it raises no new issues but merely places the claims in a form more clearly patentable over the references of record. In the alternative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final Rejection in that it reduces the issues for appeal.

Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

Applicant(s) respectfully petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and 1.17 for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action. The Extension of Time Fee in the amount of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time use.

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